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SUBJ: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS - STOESSEL STATEMENT OF NOV 6

PNE MESSAGE NUMBER FIFTY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STOESSEL STATEMENT DELIVERED

AT NOV 6. PLENARY:

QUOTE: THANK YOU, MR. MINISTER.

MY REMARKS WILL BE BRIEF. AS WE AGREED YESTERDAY, OUR MAIN PURPOSE TODAY IS TO SUMMARIZE OUR VIEWS OF THE SUBJECT BEFORE US, AND IT SEEMED TO US THAT THIS CAN BE MOST CLEARLY DONE IN A SHORT STATEMENT TO EMPHASIZE THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS.

WE CAME HERE CONVINCED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF AGREEMENTS THAT EFFECTIVELY CONSTRAIN NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTING. THIS IS THE BASIS FOR OUR CONCERN THAT ANY PNE AGREEMENT INCLUDE FULLY ADEQUATE PROVISIONS TO ASSURE BOTH SIDES THAT PNES WILL NOT SERVE AS A WAY AROUND DIRECT CONSTRAINTS ON NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTING. WE HAVE WELCOMED YOUR STATEMENT THAT YOU TOO ARE CONCERNED THAT NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTING NOT BE DONE IN THE GUISE OF PNES.

WE AGREE WITH YOUR VIEW THAT CONFIRMATION OF THE
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PEACEFUL PURPOSE OF EACH PNE SHOULD BE ONE ELEMENT IN

THE VERIFICATION PROCESS, AND ANY AGREEMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION NEEDED TO CONFIRM THAT A LEGITIMATE CONSTRUCTIVE PURPOSE WAS SERVED BY THE EXPLOSION. HOWEVER, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT SUCH A PROVISION WOULD BE INCOMPLETE. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO VERIFY THAT NON WEAPON-RELATED BENEFITS WILL BE DERIVED FROM AN EXPLOSION FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

WE CAME HERE WITH THE GENERAL UNDERSTANDING THAT YOUR INTEREST IN ACTIVE PNE PROJECTS WAS MORE EXTENSIVE THAN OURS. WE ALSO FELT THAT WE NEEDED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SCOPE AND CHARACTER OF THE PNE APPLICATIONS THAT MIGHT BE OF PRACTICAL INTEREST TO YOU SO THAT WE COULD CONSIDER IN MORE SPECIFIC TERMS WHAT PROVISIONS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR A WORKABLE PNE AGREEMENT. YOUR RESPONSES HAVE BEEN USEFUL IN THIS REGARD AND WILL HELP US GREATLY IN PREPARING FOR A RESUMPTION OF OUR DELIBERATIONS.

WE HAVE RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF LIMITATIONS ON PNES AS A MEASURE TO HELP US MAKE PROGRESS IN SOME PARTS OF OUR TASK. THE US DELEGATION WOULD BE PREPARED TO AGREE AD REFERENDUM TO A 100 KT LIMITATION ON CONTAINED PNE EVENTS, SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT ON ADEQUATE COLLATERAL PROVISIONS. I THINK WE HAVE SET FORTH OUR REASONS FOR INTEREST IN THIS MEASURE FULLY ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY MY NOT REPEATING THEM THIS MORNING. YOU HAVE MADE PRELIMINARY REPLIES TO THIS IDEA AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MORE CONCLUSIVE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS POINT WHEN OUR TALKS RESUME.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE JUST BEGUN EXPLORATION OF THE IMPORTANT MATTER OF EXCAVATION PNES' WE HAVE NO SUGGESTIONS AT THIS TIME ON PROPER TREATMENT OF THIS CLASS OF PNES; BUT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS OF EXCAVATION PNES THAT WILL NEED TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. AND YOU HAVE OUTLINED YOUR INTEREST IN SUCH PROJECTS.

YOU HAVE STATED THE VIEW THAT THE SIDE CARRYING OUT A PNE PROJECT IS BEST ABLE TO DETERMINE THE INFORMATION NEEDED BY THE VERIFYING SIDE IN ORDER TO MAKE A VALID ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECT. WE DO NOT AGREE WITH THIS VIEW

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AS YOU HAVE STATED IT; HOWEVER, WE URGE YOU TO DEVELOP YOUR VIEW ON THIS POINT INTO A SPECIFIC STATEMENT ON A PROVISION FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED AS AN ELEMENT OF A PNE AGREEMENT. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT AN UNDERSTANDING ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE AN EXPLICIT PART OF A PNE AGREEMENT, AND NOT SOMETHING TO BE DETERMINED ON AN AD HOC BASIS BY THE SIDE CARRYING OUT EACH PNE.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN TOPICS TO WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET SPOKEN IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, INCLUDING THE MATTER OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. WE CONSIDER SUCH ITEMS TO STILL BE ON OUR AGENDA. WE HAVE ALSO NOTED YOUR INTEREST IN COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

AT THE OUTSET OF THESE TALKS WE PROMISED YOU A CANDID APPROACH AND WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE BUSINESSLIKE MANNER WITH WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE APPROACHED THESE NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE BOTH SHOWN CONSIDERABLE GOODWILL IN ENTERTAINING VERY FRANK DISCUSSIONS ON THE ISSUES BEFORE US AND WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THIS IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE CORDIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE NATURE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RESUMING OUR NEGOTIATIONS.

THANK YOU, MR. MINISTER. END QUOTE.
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